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Re application of: SMITH

Serial No. 09/494,751 Group Art Unit: 1641

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For: ASSAYS FOR TSH RECEPTOR AUTOANTIBODIES

Attorney Docket No: 0769.00136

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2001, Paper Number 4. Applicant hereby petitions for a five month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to October 3, 2001. The appropriate petition fee of \$1,960.00 is enclosed herewith. Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto:

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